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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

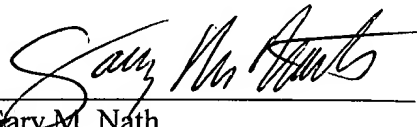
- (1) Transmittal Letter; and
- (2) Response and Amendment.

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 31, 2003.

The three month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire March 31, 2004, making this a timely filed response to the present Office Action.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow this application.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above captioned application as follows: